

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE REQUESTED FILING OF RULE 1.53(B)
CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON
THE FOLLOWING PENDING PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION:

In re Application of: Kwan-Ho Chan
Serial No.: 09/111,237
Filing Date: 07/07/98
Title: SURGICAL REPAIR KIT AND ITS METHOD
OF USE
Group Art Unit: 3731
Examiner: J. Woo
Attorney's Docket No.: MIT-53 CON 4

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

-- This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/111,237, filed 07/07/98 by Kwan-Ho Chan for SURGICAL REPAIR KIT AND ITS METHOD OF USE, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/727,027, filed 10/08/96 by Kwan-Ho Chan for SURGICAL REPAIR KIT AND ITS METHOD OF USE, which is in turn a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/234,840, filed 04/28/94 by Kwan-Ho Chan for SURGICAL REPAIR KIT AND ITS METHOD OF USE, which is in turn a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/090,651, filed 07/12/93 by Kwan-Ho Chan for SURGICAL REPAIR KIT AND ITS METHOD OF USE. --

Remarks

As noted in the accompanying REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION, this is a continuation of pending prior application Serial No. 09/111,237, filed 07/07/98 by Kwan-Ho Chan for SURGICAL REPAIR KITS AND ITS METHOD OF USE, which is in turn a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/727,027,

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AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING APPLICATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
County of MIDDLESEX)

I, James A. Sheridan, being duly registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and being duly sworn, depose and state that: I am attorney of record in the above-identified pending prior application Serial No. 09/111,237, filed 07/07/98 by Kwan-Ho Chan for SURGICAL REPAIR KIT AND ITS METHOD OF USE, which is in turn a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/727,027, filed 10/08/96 by Kwan-Ho Chan for SURGICAL REPAIR KIT AND ITS METHOD OF USE, which is in turn a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/234,840, filed 04/28/94 by Kwan-Ho Chan for SURGICAL REPAIR KIT AND ITS METHOD OF USE, which is in turn a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/090,651, filed 07/12/93 by Kwan-Ho Chan for SURGICAL REPAIR KIT AND ITS METHOD OF USE, and that the enclosed application is a true and complete copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. 08/234,840 as filed, and that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior patent application Serial No. 08/234,840 introduced new matter therein.

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Sworn to before me this 19th day of MARCH, 2001.

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Notary Public
My commission expires: April 17, 2003